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**Remarks/Argument:**

**Preliminary Matters**

Claims 1-2 were originally filed in the above-identified application. With this Amendment, claim 3 is being added. Thus, claims 1-3 are now the pending claims in this application. Support for newly added claim 3 can be found on page 8, lines 14-20 and throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

Applicants' invention relates to a plasma display panel that includes a plurality of members and one of the members having an exhaust hole for evacuating a chamber formed by the members. A non-evaporating getter is disposed inside the plasma display panel near the exhaust hole.

**35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being unpatentable over Carretti (US 2002/008469) for reasons stated on page 2 of the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted, however, that the claim is patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants' invention as amended in claim 1 includes a feature that is neither disclosed nor suggested by Carretti, namely:

...a non-evaporating getter is disposed inside the plasma display panel *adjacent the exhaust hole*.

This is different from Carretti because the cited reference neither discloses nor suggests disposing non-evaporating getters adjacent the exhaust hole. Carretti teaches a plasma display that has non-evaporating getters provided within the inner space of the plasma panel display. Carretti, however, neither discloses nor suggests that the non-evaporating getters are near the exhaust hole. These features are found in the originally filed application at page 4, lines 17-20. No new matter has been added.

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It is because Applicants include the non-evaporating getter adjacent the exhaust opening that the following advantages are achieved. According to Applicant's specification on page 7, lines 14-21, the advantage of disposing the non-evaporating getter inside the plasma display panel near the exhaust hole allows impurity gasses to be absorbed during manufacturing and prevents impurity gasses from re-entering the plasma display panel. As such, the teachings of Carretti will not yield the advantages disclosed by the Applicants.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above, claim 1 is patentable over Carretti. Furthermore, dependent claim 2 is patentable by virtue of its dependency on the allowable base claim. As such, claims 1-2 are patentable over the Carretti for the reasons set forth above. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C 102(b) is respectfully requested.

**35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carretti in view of Wallace (US 5,614,785) for reasons stated on page 3 of the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted, however, that the claim is patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Carretti has been described above. Wallace teaches an anode plate for use with flat panel display devices that include getter material deposited on the substrate between the conductive regions of the anode plate. Wallace further teaches that the getters may be non-metallic such as zeolite. Wallace, however, does not teach that the getters are adjacent the exhaust hole. As such, the combination of Carretti in view of Wallace will not yield the same invention nor advantages the Applicants have disclosed.

Because claim 2 includes the limitations of claim 1, from which it is dependent, claim 2 should also be allowed by virtue of its dependency on the allowable base claim. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C 103(a) is respectfully requested.

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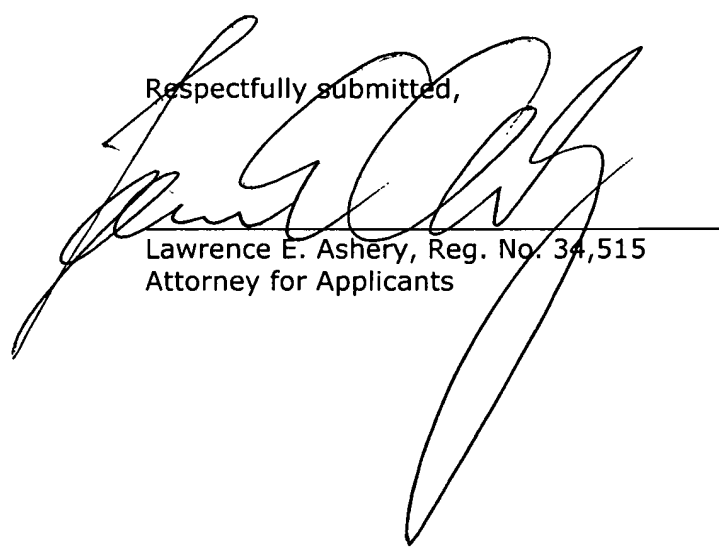


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**Conclusion**

In view of the arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition or allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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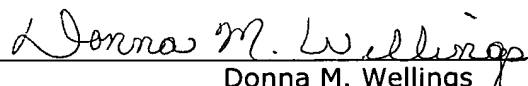
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